3122. (Transferred to the 25th March, 1988]

Joint Bid to Bring Sun on Sarth

3123. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:

SHRI SAGAR RAYKA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has decided to take part in the project 'Joint Bid to Bring Sun On Earth';

(b) if so, by when and the details of such project; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that such a project can be useful to India in view of the drought and flood situation of various parts of India prevailing at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a), does not arise.

(c) This project has no immediate application in relation to drought or floods.

Import of CNC/NC Machine Tools

3124. SHRI V. RAMANATHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the names of organisations|bodies|companies which were allowed to import Computerised Numerically Controlled | Numberically Controlled (CNC|NC) Machine Tools during the year 1986 and 1987 by the Capital Goods Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): The details of machine tools (Capital Goods) whether they are computerised numerically controlled or numerically controlled are **not maintained separately.** However, the particulars of Import Licences issued by the CCI & E Organisation are published in the Weekly Bulletins copies of which are available in the Library of Parliament House

Delay in filling up of vacant posts

3125. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the appointment of Secretaries to various departments of Government of India, where posts fell vacant due to superannuation or other reasons, are being inordinately delayed and additional charge is being given to other Secretaries resulting in inefficiency;

(b) whether it is not a policy, hitherto, to select new incumbents well before the retirement of the old one so that efficiency and continuity remained; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the departure from this policy and also what are the reasons for delay in these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. The appointment of Secretaries to various departments of Government of India has not been inordinately delayed.

(b) As far as possible efforts are made to appoint officers to posts of Secretaries as soon as they fall vacant.

(c) Does not arise.